a maximum period of seven days for the clearance to be issued to exporters;

(d) what are the changes brought about by DGFT during the last years to ensure immediate clearance;

(e) how many such clearances for export are pending with DGFT till date which have been under process for more than 15 days; and

(f) steps proposed to streamline DGFT and remove delays?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Wherever the applications are complete in all respects, export licences are issued within a period of two weeks from the date of clearance by the Licensing Committee concerned.

(c) to (f) It has been ensured that the Licensing committee meets regularly in order to clear the cases. Only four cases are pending for approval of respective Licensing committees. negative list of exports has been pruned down drastically in the revised EXIM Policy 1992-97. Further, review of Export Policy and Proceure is a continuous process, changes for simplification and to remove constraints are made in the Policy and Procedure on an ongoing basis in the larger public interest.

Trade relations with NON-GATT Signatory countries

3530. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state: the name of the countries who have not signed GATT agreement and with whom India is having trade at present?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): There are 123 members of GATT and 17 countries' requests for accession are at different stages of consideration. There are 69 countries with which we trade but which are not members of GATT. There are Canary Islands, Cape Varde Islands, Comoros, Djibouti, Ethiopia Equatorial Guinea, Guinea, Liberia, Reunion, Sao Thomo and Principle, Seychelles, Somalia, st. Helena of Ascensior, Libya, Sudan, Greenland, St. Pierrea and Miquelon, Bahamas, Montsorrat, American Samoa, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Panama Canal Zone, Puerto Rico, Turks and Caicos Islands, Virgin Islands of U.S., Afghanistan, Bhutan, Christmas Island, Cook Islands, Iran, Kiribati Republic, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia, Republic of Nauru, Nepal, Papua and new Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vietnam, Western Samoa, Iraq, Lebanon, Oman, Syria, Yemen Arab Republic, Yeman People's Democratic Republic, Cocos Islands, French Guiana, French Polynesia, Guam, New Caledonea, New Hebrides, Nive Island, Norfolk Island, Pacific Islands, Pitcairn Islands, Portuguese Timor, Tokelau Islands, Wall is and futuna Islands, Republic of Vanuata, Faeroe Islands, Andora, Channel Islands and Gibraltar.

Export Promotion Industrial Park at Bangalore

3531. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has submitted a proposal to the Central government for sanction to set up an export promotion Industrial Park in Whitefield, Bangalore, involving a Central Assistance of Rs. 10.00 crores;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the State Government has come forward to countribute Rs. 5.00 crore in addition to the cost of land of the project; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Government of Karnataka have submitted a proposal to set up an Export Promotion Industrial Park at Hoodi near Banagalore at an estimated cost of Rs. 24.71 crores involving a Central Government grant of Rs. 10 crores. The Con